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**Cc:** Thomas, LaWanda; Moody, Christina  
**Subject:** RE: Information Request

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 10:09 AM  
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**Cc:** Thomas, LaWanda; Moody, Christina  
**Subject:** Re: Information Request

Hi John-

I talked to my colleague in our Region 6 offices yesterday regarding your concerns. Ms. LaWanda Thomas is our Congressional Liaison for Region 6 and will be able to assist you with more information.

Best-  
Laura

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2013 4:23:21 PM  
**To:** Gomez, Laura  
**Subject:** RE: Information Request

Hi Laura – Can we talk this afternoon? My boss is back in the district and asked I give him an update by 5:00PM CST. I can be reached at 202-226-0587.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2013 4:21 PM  
**To:** Martin, John (Cotton)  
**Subject:** RE: Information Request

Hi John,

Thank you for your email.

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In regards scheduling a meeting with Regional Administrator Curry and Clean Harbors, I wanted to let you know that I checked the RA's schedule and he is traveling this week. Furthermore, I have also spoke with the attorney handling Clean Harbors and he is advising against the RA meeting with company because there is ongoing enforcement action. I would encourage your constituents to continue to their dialogue with the Enforcement Division and Counsel.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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**From:** Herring, Patricia [Patricia.Herring@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2013 4:59 PM  
**To:** Thomas, LaWanda  
**Subject:** RE: Grants...

Thanks!

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**From:** Thomas, LaWanda [mailto:Thomas.LaWanda@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2013 4:17 PM  
**To:** Herring, Patricia  
**Subject:** RE: Grants...

Pat,

The RFP for EJ grants should come out in September or October. An EJ community could certainly apply for it. I will keep my eyes open for any announcements that may come out that will meet this need.

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**From:** Herring, Patricia [mailto:Patricia.Herring@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2013 3:23 PM  
**To:** Thomas, LaWanda  
**Subject:** RE: Grants...

Ok, thanks. What about environmental justice grants? Do you think they would qualify under that program?

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 01, 2013 3:23 PM  
**To:** Herring, Patricia  
**Subject:** RE: Grants...

Good afternoon Pat,

I haven't seen any announcements regarding meth labs lately. You may want to register on <http://www.grants.gov/> and specifically have EPA grants announcements sent to you. I will check with the program to see if any are on the horizons.

LaWanda Thomas

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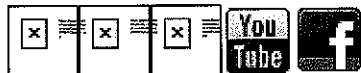
LaWanda,

Do you have a link to EPA grants available currently? Especially any that would help with cleanup of meth labs. Sigh.

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